down for Kendriya Vidyalayas in Project Sector, namely, IDPL Rishikesh, HEC Ranchi No.I, HEC Ranchi No. II and HPF Ooty from the next academic year, if these Public Sector Undertakings do not clear all dues and remit the recurring and non-recurring expenditure in advance.

Financial Assistance being offered to Libraries

2173. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recognised the importance of Libraries in Literacy movements; and

(b) if so, the guidelines given to State Governments in this regard and details of the financial assistance being offered, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India have recognised the importance of Libraries in literacy movements. Under the Scheme of continuing Education for neo-literates, the establishment of Continuing Education Centres (CECs) is the principal instrumentality to enable the neo-literates and other targetted beneficiaries to retain, improve and apply their basic knowledge and skills. The Continuing Education Centre is envisaged to function as a library and there is provision for purchase of books for the Continuing Education Centre.

The Scheme of Continuing Education is circulated to all State Governments for preparation of continuing Education projects. The proposals for Continuing Education for neo-literates from State Government of Andhra Pradesh; for eight districts, State Government of Kerala, for entire state, State Government of West Bengal for Burdwan and Birbhum district are under consideration of Government of India for release of financial assistance during this financial year.

Ordinarily, one continuing Education Centre (CEC) may be established to serve around 500 neo-literates. 8 to 10 Continuing Education Centres would form a cluster, with one of them being designated as a 'Nodal CEC'. There is uniform pattern comprising of non-recurring provision of Rs. 10,000/- per Continuing Education Centre, which would be admissible in the first year only, and a recurring provision of Rs. 10,000/- per Continuing Education Centre per year. The financial assistance includes the provision for purchase of books upto the extent of Rs. 2,550/- out of non-recurring and Rs. 2,000/- out of recurring funds per Continuing Education Centre per year. The corresponding provisions for the Nodal CEC is Rs. 20,000/- each for non-recurring and recurring per Nodal Continuing Education Centre. The financial assistance included the provision for purchase of books upto the extent of Rs. 7,000/- out of non-recurring budget and Rs. 2,500/- out of recurring budget per year per Nodal Continuing Education Centre.

A proposal for development of *nation-wide village library movement* under the Scheme of Continuing Education for neo-literates during the Ninth Five Year Plan period is under consideration of Government of India.

Availability of Nehru's Letters to Bonafide Scholars

2174. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pandit Nehru's letters to and from Mountbattens and his letters to and from Padmaja Naidu, are available in Nehru Museum and Library at Teen Murti;

(b) whether they are available to all bonafide scholars without discrimination; and